



PRACTICE NOTICE 1 OF 2026:

**THE ENROLMENT OF BACKLOG MATTERS IN THE
LABOUR COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA,
JOHANNESBURG**

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Introduction

1. The Office of the Judge President of the Labour Court is undertaking a review of matters for which hearing dates have previously been requested. To ensure efficient case management and facilitate the timely allocation of hearing dates, parties are hereby directed to provide updated confirmation of the readiness of their matters to proceed.
2. All litigants who have previously applied for a hearing date are required to submit a formal letter confirming hearing readiness to the Office of the Judge President.

Scope

3. The process above is inclusive of both the old physical file matters and especially the new electronic filing system, CourtOnline matters.
4. Parties are to ensure that all the enrolment compliance requirements set out in Directive 1 of 2025: Implementation of Court Online Electronic Platform in the Labour Court, are met.
5. The letter must be addressed to: EnrolmentLabourCourt@judiciary.org.za
 - 5.1 Your letter must clearly indicate the following:
 - 5.1.1 That the matter is ripe for hearing, (the type of matter, i.e, opposed/unopposed review; interlocutory and action matters; default judgment etc.)
 - 5.1.2 That all procedural and pre-hearing requirements have been fully complied with, including the filing of pleadings, practice directive documents, heads of argument, bundles, and any other required processes.
 - 5.1.3 That all interlocutory applications have been finalised, where applicable.
 - 5.1.4 That no outstanding issues are preventing the matter from proceeding to a hearing.



5.1.5 A completed Hearing Readiness Checklist is attached.

5.1.6 Failure to provide the above information may result in delays in confirming or allocating hearing dates.

6. Your cooperation in ensuring the smooth administration of justice in the Labour Court is appreciated.

Judge B.M. Mahalelo
Acting Deputy Judge President
Labour and Labour Appeal Courts of South Africa
3 February 2026

